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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGARDING THE PRICING OF UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS AND RESALE OF SERVICE BY INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS DOCKET NO. WC 03-173

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Attached, please find Reply Comments of the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities with regard to the above-referenced matter. While the comments were due on Friday, January 30, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the reply comments be treated as timely filed.

Thank you for your kind courtesies with regard to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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